From: Tom Wendt Jr

Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2020 9:04 AM

To: envcomments

Subject: Letter in support of General Iron DOC122220-12222020100133.pdf

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See attached.

Tom Wendt Jr

President

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To the City of Chicago:

December 22, 2020

Wendt Corporation is a manufacturer and systems integrator providing the scrap recycling industry for over forty years. My name is Tom Wendt, President, and I am writing to express my support for Reserve Management Group (RMG) and the construction of the Southside Recycling facility at 11600 S. Burley Avenue on the Southeast Side of Chicago.

Our company has a decade's long relationship with General Iron and we have collaborated on many successful projects. Southside Recycling and RMG play an essential role in helping local government manage the flow of recyclable material generated by the community and ensures those materials are recycled into marketable products and kept out of the landfills.

Wendt Corporation, RMG and Southside Recycling, are proud to be key components in the supply chain for scrap recycling. The provision of recycled steel, aluminum and copper are essential for our nation's infrastructure and the economic well-being of Chicago. Manufacturers of these raw materials are dependent on RMG to provide essential feedstock for their operations.

Wendt Corporation's business success and ability to execute projects is dependent upon companies like RMG. Some of our key fabrication partners of structural steel are located in Chicago, which we have sourced through a collaboration with RMG. This local manufacturing presence employs quality, blue-collar jobs within miles of the new RMG Southside facility.

It has been our experience that RMG operates their facilities with a focus on sound business practices and environmental compliance. They are good corporate citizens. Their commitment to market leading emission control solutions and associated research and development set an industry benchmark.

In conjunction with their supply chain partners, RMG will have a state of the art shredding facility in Chicago that will serve as the model for such facilities throughout the nation in terms of environmental monitoring and compliance.

Wendt Corporation wholeheartedly provides our full support for Reserve Management Group and Southside Recycling and are proud to be involved in this project.

Sincerely,

Fon Wendt, President From:

Brian Shine

Sent:

Tuesday, December 22, 2020 10:21 AM

To:

envcomments

Subject:

Southside Recycling

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing today in full support of the Reserve Management Group proposed launch of Southside Recycling project. I have known and admired Reserve Management Group for more than 25 years. They are a first class operator. I have visited several of their operating sites and always come away impressed with their commitment to employee health & safety along with their strong emphasis & focus on the environment and communities within which they operate. They are a market leader and I have every confidence in their ability to deliver on their promises of significant commitment to the community and to the successful long term operation being proposed. They have the track record and management team to support this effort. I can be reached at the contact information below. Should you wish to further.

Happy Holidays!

Sincerely, Brian Shine



Brian Shine

President, Manitoba Corporation

122 Central Avenue

Lancaster, NY 14086

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From: Steve Linderman

Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2020 11:09 AM

To: envcomments

Subject: Reserve Management Group/Southside Recycling

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I am in favor of Southside Recycling. This will be the most modern recycling facility in the entire Midwest. If this facility is denied a permit, all recycling will go to other facilities, which do not have any of the environmental controls that Southside Recycling will use. This new facility should be embraced by Chicago and its metals recyclers.

Southside Recycling will be the safest, most environmentally friendly recycling facility in Chicago. It will create good jobs and can help make the South Side a model for cleaner industrial operations.

Thank you!

Steve Linderman

From: Pilsen Recycling

Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2020 1:08 PM

To: envcomments

Subject: General Iron Southside Recycling

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To whom it may concern,

We want to voice our support for General Iron Industries/Southside Recycling. As it is crucial to have them fully operating as they serve many communities in the Chicago area. A necessity to thousands as it serves to maintain scrap and or junk off the streets/alleys. Again we fully support General Iron Industries Southside Recycling.

Thank you.

From: Don Dulkoski

Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2020 2:48 PM

To: envcomments

Subject: Allied Metal Company - Southside Recycling

Attachments: Southside.pdf

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Please see attached letter in favor of Southside Recycling.

Season's Greetings!

Regards,

Don Dulkoski Allied Metal Company Director Aluminum Sales 312-225-2800

Allied Metal Company

12/21/20

1300 N Kostner Chicago, IL 60651

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter in favor of the new business being formed on Chicago's far south east side named Southside Recycling. I have known and conducted business with both Scott and Steve Joseph for over 32 years. I know them to have integrity and to run a responsible business. I have purchased aluminum scrap from them for my aluminum smelting operation AND I have sold them my junk cars/steel from my automotive recycling center. This business will feed other metal companies like mine and keep the city streets clean of abandoned vehicles and scrap metal. Southside Recycling will also keep jobs in Chicago. The aluminum we sell goes into the production of ventilators and engines (among other essential goods) — both essential to National Health and Security. If they are not approved for this business, it will greatly impact my ability to get the necessary raw materials to sell my aluminum alloys to companies who keep America running.

Sincerely,

Joel A. Fink President & CEO

From: Debby Chagal

Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2020 3:46 PM

To: envcomments

Subject: comments in Support of Southside Recycling

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Recycling.2.pdf; 10 Comments in Support Southside Recycling.3.pdf; 10 Comments in Support Southside Recycling.4.pdf; 10 Comments in Support Southside Recycling.5.pdf; 10 Comments in

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To whom it may concern:

Attached please find 60 comments from various peddlers and customers documenting their support for Southside Recycling.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Debby Chagal

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From: Antonio navarrete

Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2020 10:57 PM

To: envcomments

Subject: General iron employee

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To whom ever this may concern.

I as an employee of General Iron Industries, I have been with the company for a little over 8 years. By far the company has given me many opportunities to move up in positions and provide for my family of five. If and when I do lose my job, it won't be easy to find another job that can give the same benefits. I just hope and pray that the people and city workers of Chicago open up their hearts to let general iron stay open for business. This move will help give general iron a new fresh start to improve and better the quality of business and hopefully help grow the job economy across the Northwest.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Debby Chagal

Sent: Thursday, December 24, 2020 9:24 AM

To: envcomments

Subject: Riverside Engineering Letter in Support **Attachments:** Riverside Engineering Letter in Support.pdf

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December 18, 2020

To the City of Chicago:

My name is Jim Olson, CEO of Riverside Engineering, and I am writing to express my support for Reserve Management Group (RMG) and the construction of the Southside Recycling facility at 11600 S. Burley Avenue on the Southeast Side of Chicago.

Our company has a decades long relationship with General Iron and is actively engaged in metal scrap recycling. Southside Recycling and RMG play an essential role in helping local government manage their needs and responsibilities by providing a critical outlet for the recyclable materials generated within the community, without which these valuable commodities would build up and not only be lost for critical supply to manufacturers, but end up wrongfully in the waste stream.

Riverside Engineering, with RMG and Southside Recycling, are proud to be a key component in the supply chain for scrap recycling. The critically important manufacturing of Steel, Aluminum and Copper are dependent on RMG to provide essential feedstock for their operations.

Riverside's business success is dependent upon companies like RMG. Our company's manufacturing, fabrication and assembly of capital equipment for the recycling industry is predominately done in Chicago. This manufacturing employs hundreds of quality, blue-collar jobs within miles of the new RMG Southside facility.

Based on my observations, RMG operations are run to the highest standards of environmental compliance. They adhere to regulations and take all possible steps to be a good member of the community. These good neighbor policies have included advanced emissions control, roadways and surfaces regularly swept and watered, and RMG employees enforcing low speed yard traffic at their facility to reduce dust being kicked up from the ground.

Further, it is my understanding that the proposed new facility will have even more comprehensive pollution controls and monitoring than the current operation or similar recycling businesses.

Given this commitment to environmental responsibility and the role they play in a nationally critical manufacturing sector, I want to provide my full support for Reserve Management Group and Southside Recycling.

Sincerely.

From: Jesse Alexandra

Sent: Thursday, December 24, 2020 9:48 AM

To: envcomments
Subject: Southside Recycling

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To Whom it may concern.

I have been following the process of this new and exciting business moving into the neighborhood. I got to say this is GREAT to see in today's world of businesses closing and moving off shore. Here we have someone investing to the tune of \$50,000,000. This is AWESOME!!! I also see some negative press on this project claiming all kinds of things that could go wrong. I believe that is just people not informed of what the rules and regulations are or this type of business in this community. I have faith in the process of the people that are making the rules that they do know what they are doing. They will regulate this new venture. Also wanted to mention that this is NOT General Iron we are talking about. This is SOUTHSIDE RECYCLING, a business that has been in the community for many years with a GREAT reputation and track record. They have committed to this neighborhood and this project. This is a great thing to see. This will be the most modern recycling facility in North America with the most modern environmental controls available to Southside Recycling. This new facility should be embraced by Chicago.

Any questions or thoughts please call me.

Thank You

Jesse Alexandra

From: Jim Zielinski

Sent: Thursday, December 24, 2020 11:00 AM

To: envcomments

Subject: In Support of Reserve Management Group Recycling Plant

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To whom It Concerns,

I support RMG in their endeavor to provide a new recycling plant for the following reasons.

- RMG is providing the most current pollution controls of any recycling plant in the Midwest. If their permit is denied, all the recycling will go to other recyclers who do not have any of the environmental controls that Southside Recycling will use.
- 2. Recycling is a major component of all LEED projects mandated by the City of Chicago. We need environmentally responsible recyclers like RMG for this purpose and to provide jobs necessary for economic recovery.
- 3. Most businesses, including the manufacturing of Solar Panel and electric cars, need to address environmental concerns. Why are the politicians of Chicago singling out RMG who has addressed the environmental issues?
- 4. The Sun Times 12/23/20 article incorrectly referenced pollution from storm water being discharge into the Calumet River. RMG plans include a water treatment plant to address this concern.

Sincerely,

Jim Zielinski

From: Debby Chagal

Sent: Thursday, December 24, 2020 11:09 AM

To: envcomments

Subject: additional comments in support of Southside Recycling attached

Attachments: 5 comments in support of Southside Recycling.7.pdf

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From:

Carol Classon

Sent:

Thursday, December 24, 2020 11:34 AM

To:

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Subject:

Reserve Management Group / Southside Recycling Project

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I standby and support the RMG Group & am in favor of the Southside Recycling project.

Key Reasons:

Sustainability and Environment are the best reasons for supporting this facility. We need to take care of this earth for future generations to come.

Creating job opportunities and reducing landfill content are key for the future as well.

The Pro's out-way the Con's.
Please do not deny them a permit.
I give them my support.

Thank you Carol

Sr. Admin. & Proj. Asst.

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From:

Sent: Thursday, December 24, 2020 12:18 PM

To: envcomments
Cc: 'David Dai'

Subject: Support Southside Recycling in Chicago

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To whom it may concern,

We are supporting Southside Recycling to expand the operation in Chicago for the reason below.

This will be the most modern recycling facility in the entire Midwest. If this facility is denied a permit, all recycling will go to other facilities, which do not have any of the environmental controls that Southside Recycling will use. This new facility should be embraced by Chicago and its metal recyclers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards, Iris



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From: Amy Genender Feltheimer

Sent: Friday, December 25, 2020 12:31 PM

To: envcomments

Cc: pintas&mullinslawfirm2@pintas.com; infochicago@cochranfirm.com

Subject: RMG Permit Application

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The city of Chicago has failed to protect the residents of Lincoln Park. Are we supposed to believe they will now protect the residents of Chicago's south side? The ILEPA and the city of Chicago have had ample opportunities to sanction RMG/General Iron under permitting and ordinance violations, nuisance laws, environmental health and safety laws and their own consent orders. They have failed to impose meaningful sanctions meant to deter repeated violations despite hundreds of complaints by local residents. As a result, many residents of Lincoln park have suffered various illnesses, have been awakened by loud industrial equipment night after night, and have been unable to use or enjoy their homes. Some have been forced to sell and move. Others are taking refuge in their second summer/winter homes, others are renting apartments in the suburbs and waiting for RMG to leave. Our local government knows a dangerous corporation capable of emitting harmful levels of VOCs is failing to monitor harmful VOCs entirely. Our local government has failed to ensure that safety equipment is being operated by RMG in a safe and compliant manner. Repeated complaints by neighbors have not been investigated, particularly those occurring overnight. Excessive VOCs discovered by university scientists led to the consent orders and yet the city nor the EPA is monitoring these harmful VOCs and they have no plans to monitor them on the south side. After the EPA certified that RMG's RTO equipment was safe and compliant, the RTO exploded, causing a hazmat situation and threatening the safety of nearby residents. This occurred during a respiratory pandemic. Still, the city nor the EPA issued any meaningful sanctions that would deter future violations. A measly \$18k fine wiped the slate clean, with no admission of wrongdoing by RMG despite the ability under the consent orders of the city/EPA to collect \$100k a day, a fine that would have actually deterred future hazards and perhaps encouraged the company to operate more safely. Another fire soon followed just a couple months later, again causing a hazmat situation that made nearby residents sick. Once again, many had to leave their homes, during a respiratory pandemic. Some of us forced to take refuge in a hotel caught Covid as a result of being unable to occupy our Lincoln Park homes. There is zero accountability by this company and the local politicians whose campaigns they fund. We can all trace the campaign donations by this company to our local politicians and their decisions to look the other way while residents who elect them are being harmed. Nobody believes this government pay-to-pollute scheme will end with new permitting rules. The city and the EPA are failing to enforce the laws and consent orders to protect Chicago residents. All the permitting rules in the world won't change this. If you won't keep Lincoln Park residents safe then why should anyone believe you will keep South Side resident safe?

Sent from my iPhone

From: Kelly Staubus

Sent: Friday, December 25, 2020 12:57 PM

To: envcomments **Subject:** Southside recycling

[Warning: External email]

I'm writing this letter to demonstrate my support and confidence of Southside recycling and its continued operations. There's no doubt in my mind that Chicago would not be in the best hands with any other company than Southside. I trust any committee in review of recycling operations and community interest will clearly see and determine Southside to be a positive element to effective and professional overall efforts of Chicago recycling.

Thank you for your work for the community.

Best,

Kelly Staubus

From: Susan Elise Dery

Sent: Saturday, December 26, 2020 3:53 AM

To: envcomments

Subject: In support of metal recycling, RMG and Southside Recycling

[Warning: External email]

I'm writing in support of RMG and Southside Recycling.

I worked at RMG for almost seven years and have seen first-hand how they handle metal recycling. Their attention-to-detail, safety, accuracy, recycling capabilities, and compliance are all the best in class (they exceed all environmental standards).

RMG has been a community-conscious and supportive South Side business for more than 30 years. This will be the most modern recycling facility in the entire Midwest, and the safest, and most environmentally-friendly recycling facility in Chicago. It will create good jobs and can help make the South Side a model for cleaner industrial operations.

I support Southside Recycling and urge you too as well. If this facility is denied a permit, all recycling will go to other facilities, which do not have any of the environmental controls that Southside Recycling will use. This new facility should be embraced by Chicago and its metal recyclers. It will be good for the community, the city, and our environment.

Thank you.

Susan Dery

From: whitesoxlupercio28 <

Sent: Sunday, December 27, 2020 8:13 PM

To: envcomments

Subject: RMG

[Warning: External email]

RMG takes its responsibility to the environment seriously. They have invested in measures that meet or exceed all environmental standards. They are truly committed to being stewards of the environment.

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S7.

From: Darrell Zielinski

Sent: Monday, December 28, 2020 9:05 AM

To: envcomments

Subject: RMG Southside Recycling Permit

[Warning: External email]

City of Chicago:

Reserve Management Group (RMG) is seeking a permit application to expand metal recycling capabilities at their South Side Recycling facility. This new permit will incorporate significant environmental protections associated with the Rules for Large Recycling Facilities. These protections include requirements for comprehensive air, water and noise monitoring and control procedures.

To meet these permit requirements, RMG will continue to make investments in new equipment and technology. These investments will make Southside Recycling a state-of-the art, safe and environmentally friendly recycling facility that can be a model for cleaner industrial operations throughout the region.

I have been in the environmental industry for nearly thirty years. During that time I have seen both the environmental and community benefits of responsible waste processing facility ownership. RMG is one of these responsible owners. They are committed to being environmental stewards. RMG has been a community-conscious South Side business for more than 30 years. Granting RMG this permit will allow them to protect the environment while continuing to provide good jobs and community support to the South Side community.

Darrell A. Zielinski Environmental Industry Professional From: Paul Mistretta

Sent: Monday, December 28, 2020 10:55 AM

To: envcomments

Subject: RMG & Southside Auto Recycling

[Warning: External email]

Dear fellow Chicago community members,

It's been a very difficult year for all of us in 2020. That's why we must focus on pushing forwards. It's important for us to offer our local market all the jobs that we can. In a time where we are suffering exodus yet maintaining high local taxes it will be very helpful to spread the load of the city's budget. RMG looks to provide opportunities to do just that while also performing a service to protect our environment by recycling and working with environmentally minded experts. Please grant Southside Auto Recycling this opportunity to provide their services in our community.

Paul

From: Brian Mills

Sent: Monday, December 28, 2020 3:27 PM

To: envcomments

Subject: RMG

[Warning: External email]

RMG has been a good neighbor to the community.

This new facility will be the safest in the area and denying them their permit will only cause recycling to go to other facilities that do not operate as cautiously.

Thank you,

Brian Mills

From: Andy Mistretta

Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2020 9:47 AM

To: envcomments

Subject: RMG/Southside Recycling

[Warning: External email]

City of Chicago,

I'm writing this email to encourage the City of Chicago to please grant the necessary permits to RMG so they can operate Southside Recycling from their new south side location. Responsible recycling is a great thing in the City of Chicago and the rest of the world. An operation like this should be welcome in this city.

Southside Recycling will be the most modern recycling facility in the entire Midwest. If this facility is denied a permit, all recycling will go to other facilities, which do not have any of the environmental controls that Southside Recycling will use. This new facility should be embraced by Chicago and its metal recyclers."

Thank you Andrew Mistretta From: Diane Fager

Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2020 10:18 AM

To: envcomments

Subject: Deny Reserve Management Groups application

[Warning: External email]

As someone involved in public health and environmental justice issue, I feel strongly that Reserve Management Group's application for an operating permit to open Southside Recycling in the East Side neighborhood should be canceled as soon as possible.

It is a blight on our city and a racist statement about our city Chicago. Why is it not OK for this facility to be in Lincoln Park (current locatioin) but it is OK for it to be in a densely populated area on the South East Side of Chicago. When are the asthma rates high enough for the children of the South East Side since they are already some of the highest in the state???? Is this being considered in the hearings and assessments regarding the approval or lack there are process?

Calculating a risk benefit analysis must be redone in a manner that is difference than Chicago's historic precedents. Where are all the polluting facilities? In Chicago, you can count on all of them being in low income areas populated by people of color.

Thank you for your consideration-

Diane Fager

From: Yahoo Mailing (US)

Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2020 10:31 AM

To: envcomments

Subject: GERNERAL IRON CLOSURE

[Warning: External email]

Hello to whom it may concern please consider the following

- RMG takes its responsibility to the environment seriously. They have invested in measures that meet or exceed all the environmental standards.
- They are truly committed to being stewards of the environment. They also have been a community-conscious South Side business for more than 30 years.
- They have always been good neighbors and are proud to support the Southeast Side of Chicago Food Pantry which operates on their property.
- Also this will be the most modern recycling facility in the entire Midwest. If this facility is denied a permit, all
 recycling will go to other facilities, which do not have any of the environmental controls that Southside Recycling
 will use. This new facility should be embraced by Chicago and its metal recyclers.
- Southside Recycling will be the safest, most environmentally friendly recycling facility in Chicago. It will create
 good jobs and can help make the South Side a model for cleaner industrial operations."
- Metal recycling is good for the Earth and good for Chicago. We know that RMG cares about doing the right thing
 and we are confident that Southside Recycling will be a safe and supportive neighbor in the community."

Thank you Staff of New Cat Auto From: Kathryn Dery Leung

Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2020 1:10 PM

To: envcomments

Subject: Support for RMG - Southside Recycling center

[Warning: External email]

Dear City of Chicago,

I am emailing in support of the construction of a new business: Southside Recycling by Reserve Management Group.

As an avid supporter of environmental conservation, I want to see this recycling center in operation. This center would make a huge impact in keeping metal recyclable materials out of landfills, and enabling them to be turned into new and useful products. This will be the most modern recycling center in the Midwest, and something that is incredibly needed in Chicago. I want to see metal recycling go to a plant that takes environmental controls seriously, and I believe RMG can make this happen.

Further, this center creates jobs in an economic environment, where new job creation is something we desperately need. There are so many out of work due to the pandemic. Please support a project that will create new jobs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best, Kathryn Leung

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From: Terri Cooper <

Sent: Wednesday, December 30, 2020 9:17 AM

To: envcomments

Subject: RMG/Southside Recycling

[Warning: External email]

To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing to you in support of metal recycling and the Southside Recycling project. The group who is opposing this project is spreading misleading and inaccurate information about metal recycling and the effects that this new business will have on our South Side neighbors.

RMG has been a community-conscious South Side business for more than 30 years. They have always been good neighbors and are proud to support the Southeast Side of Chicago Food Pantry which operates on their property. Southside Recycling will be the safest, most environmentally friendly recycling facility in Chicago. It will create good jobs and can help make the South Side a model for cleaner industrial operations.

If this facility is denied a permit, all recycling will go to other facilities, which do not have any of the environmental controls that Southside Recycling will use. This new facility should be embraced by Chicago and its metal recyclers.

Sincerely,

Terri Cooper

From:

David Zimmerman

Sent:

Wednesday, December 30, 2020 10:08 AM

To:

envcomments

Cc: Subject: David Zimmerman; susanagarcia@general-iron.com RMG South Side Recycling Project Support Letter

Attachments:

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[Warning: External email]

Please See the attached letter supporting RMG South Side Recycling Project.

Thank You

David Zimmerman

R. Zimmerman Inc.

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DeKalb, IL 60115

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From: R. Zimmerman Inc To: R. Zimmerman Inc

Sent: Wednesday, December 30, 2020, 10:03:04 AM CST

Subject:



ZIMMERMAN RECYCLING, INC 301 INDUSTRIAL DRIVE DEKALB, IL 60115

12.30.2020

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to show support for RMG and the South Side Recycling Project. As a returning customer I am very excited to see the new modern recycling facility.

RMG takes its responsibility to the environment seriously. They have invested in measures that meet or exceed all environmental standards.

This will be one of the most modern recycling facilities in the Midwest. If this facility is denied a permit, the materials will go to other facilities, which do not have any of the environmental controls that South Side Recycling will use.

RMG South Side Recycling Project will create jobs, and help make the South Side a model for cleaner industrial operations

RMG cares about doing the right thing and will be a safe and supportive neighbor in the community. Please do not let one small group ruin this opportunity for many others.

Kind Regards,

David Zimmerman

From: Mike Dziedzic

Sent: Wednesday, December 30, 2020 10:43 AM

To: envcomments

Subject: General Iron South side recycling

[Warning: External email]

Hello. I would like to show my support for another recycling effort. I believe people involved in the recycling industry have a great concern for the environment by the very nature of turning materials that could end up in landfills into materials for new product to be used again. The processes used in recycling are constantly improving taking safety and the environment very seriously.

Michael G Dziedzic Environmental Health and Safety Manager A&W Iron & Metal, Inc. American Metal & Paper Recycling, Inc. JAT, Inc.

Michael 9 Dziedzic

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From: mshannonjones

Sent: Wednesday, December 30, 2020 3:11 PM

To: envcomments

Subject: RMG POLLUTION concerns

[Warning: External email]

Dear Chicago Health Officials,

Please do not allow this company to add to the ruination of our already challenged lakefront.

Surely there are other places they can operate without harming our air, water and eroding lakefront.

They have shown us who they are by submitting a deficit and inadequate application. If this is their "normal" we should not make them a part of who we say we are.

Concerned in South Shore,

Marcia Jones

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S9.

From: john (joao) esteves

Sent: Wednesday, December 30, 2020 4:58 PM

To: envcomments

Subject: General Iron RMG southeast side operation permits

[Warning: External email]

To the concerned parties hereof;

This email is with regard to the issue of the city of Chicago granting an operational permit for RMG's newly built southeast side metals recycling site

I am currently an employee of RMG and would like to see that a permit does come through for operations on that site now that General Iron's location in the Lincoln Park area is to be closed; Of note in this issue, is the necessity to state in simple and quotidian terms that the regional economy needs a scrap processing operation that can handle the local volume of metal being recycled on a daily basis and that while there are other purveyors in this particular area of the economy, General Iron has historically been the one to pay the best prices for scrap in the area, this has benefited the average recycler individual and businesses, as well as the larger more significantly impacted industries in the availability of metals raw materials

I write also as an interested party as well as a concerned party for the rest of the people working for or at General Iron, as an interested party, I have or always had other business interests and my tenure with RMG is not a life career, perhaps in that way my view on this issue may be somewhat objective, it seems rather real that market forces call for practical, efficient scrap processing in a progressive economy, it appears that if not here, then that would happen elsewhere, essentially casting Chicago as playing second fiddle to some other place

In light of the above therefore, I am in favor of an operational permit for General Iron / RMG south side recycling operations

Respectfully submitted, J. F. Esteves

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: Steve Wagman

Sent: Wednesday, December 30, 2020 8:16 PM

To: envcomments

Subject: General Iron move to the east side

[Warning: External email]

General Iron moving to the East Side makes nothing but good sense. The city and county need this kind of recycling facility within the city limits. It gives residents an opportunity to keep the city clean and make a couple of bucks. Without a recycler like this in close proximity to the city, streets and vacant lots would fill up with this stuff and leave the city to clean it up.

The facility where this will happen is Taylor-made for this industry. It would also be the cleanest industry to operate on that property in 100 years.

I believe in recycling and I believe in this move.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Rod Bradley

Sent: Thursday, December 31, 2020 7:30 AM

To: envcomments **Subject:** Southside Recycling

[Warning: External email]

City of Chicago -

I have been a scrap metal recycling customer of General Iron for over 10 years, and during that time, I have found them to always be professional and operate at the highest standard. I understand that the new Southside Recycling facility has been designed and built to be the safest and most environmentally friendly recycling facility in Chicago. I believe Southside Recycling has the best interests of Chicago in mind with this facility.

Thanks for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Rod Bradley MB Enterprises, Inc. From: Brent Mulder

Sent: Thursday, December 31, 2020 6:48 PM

To: envcomments

Subject: Letter of support for Southside Recycling operation

[Warning: External email]

I would like to extend my full support for the Southside Recycling operation to conduct business on their own property on the southside of Chicago.

My support is based upon the following:

- Ownership the owners of RMG believe in conducting and operating the right way every time. They live and work by this motto and expect their employees to do the same every day.
- Best in class facility the new facility will be best in class for any recycling facility in the city, in the state, in the US, in North America. If the city of Chicago wants to be a green and sustainable city it starts with embracing this company and this operation. This will be a business that the city should be and will be proud of in all regards. This facility will have the most state of the art remediation equipment in the industry.
- Recycling alternatives what is the alternative for the city to recycle the thousands of tons of end of life scrap that is generated each year? Sims is a large international conglomerate that operates a shredder in Pilsen and has not invested in the equivalent air remediation equipment that Southside will be installing. Air filters and an RTO investment of over \$5m shows the commitment to do the right thing. Southside Recycling is doing it but Sims has not. So the city has a choice to make do they want to support the business that is making the right choices and is operating responsibly and the right way? If not then the default position of the city is to support Sims who has no remediation equipment in a largely Latino neighborhood. The choice is clear.
- Employees this business supports over 120 head of household jobs for a largely minority work force. This business is also the backbone for other jobs for truckers, peddlers and other industries related to the recycling industry such as automotive and demolition in the Chicagoland area.

Thank you.

BRENT MULDER / GII, LLC BRENTMULDER@GENERAL-IRON.COM 1909 N CLIFTON AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60614 (O) 773-327-1141 (C) 773-550-7477



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From: Mary Haight

Sent: Monday, January 4, 2021 6:15 PM

To: envcomments

Subject: RMG Permit Application

[Warning: External email]

Just say NO to the placement of yet another highly polluting industry on the Southside of Chicago.

It's a disgrace that the City and these industries have worked to choke the life out of the people who live on the Southside by continually targeting this less wealthy area with less healthy residents & inadequate healthcare facilities as the playground for polluters.

You may publish this comment if you have an online site that I missed.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

From: Allison Bradley

Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 9:46 AM

To: envcomments

Subject: Block Southside Recycling's Permit

[Warning: External email]

Hello,

My name is Allison Bradley and I've been a resident of the Lincoln Park neighborhood for seven years. I've experienced the negative environmental impacts of General Iron's operations in our neighborhood, and I strongly urge the city to block Southside Recycling's permit to open a new facility in the 10th Ward.

While operating in Lincoln Park, General Iron racked up numerous violations and tens of thousands of dollars in fines. The planned Burley Avenue site is a half-mile from George Washington elementary and high schools in East Side. This neighborhood is 80 percent Latino and the 10th Ward already suffers under a disproportionate burden from industrial operations that cause air and soil pollution, traffic congestion and noise.

I implore the city to protect the health of the children and neighbors of the 10th Ward. They deserve the same protection as any Lincoln Park child or neighbor. Let us begin this new year with hope for environmental progress.

Thank you, Allison Bradley

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Allison Bradley

Chicago, IL

Pronouns: she, her, hers

From: Graham Chapman

Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 10:43 AM

To: envcomments

Subject: Block Southside Recycling's Permit

[Warning: External email]

Hello,

Hello, my name is Graham Chapman and I strongly urge the city to block Southside Recycling's permit to open a new facility in the 10th Ward.

While operating in Lincoln Park, General Iron racked up numerous violations and tens of thousands of dollars in fines. The planned Burley Avenue site is a half-mile from George Washington elementary and high schools in East Side. This neighborhood is 80 percent Latino and the 10th Ward already suffers under a disproportionate burden from industrial operations that cause air and soil pollution, traffic congestion and noise.

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Thank you, Graham Chapman

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From: Kelly Stevens

Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 10:46 AM

To: envcomments

Subject: Block Southside Recycling's Permit

[Warning: External email]

Hello,

My name is Kelly Stevens and I've been a resident of the Lincoln Park neighborhood for four years. I've experienced the negative environmental impacts of General Iron's operations in our neighborhood, and I strongly urge the city to block Southside Recycling's permit to open a new facility in the 10th Ward.

While operating in Lincoln Park, General Iron racked up numerous violations and tens of thousands of dollars in fines. The planned Burley Avenue site is a half-mile from George Washington elementary and high schools in East Side. This neighborhood is 80 percent Latino and the 10th Ward already suffers under a disproportionate burden from industrial operations that cause air and soil pollution, traffic congestion and noise.

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Thank you, Kelly Stevens From: Emily Hayes

Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 11:07 AM

To: envcomments

Subject: Block Southside Recycling's Permit

[Warning: External email]

Hello,

My name is Emily Hayes and I strongly urge the city to block Southside Recycling's permit to open a new facility in the 10th Ward.

While operating in Lincoln Park, General Iron racked up numerous violations and tens of thousands of dollars in fines. The planned Burley Avenue site is a half-mile from George Washington elementary and high schools in East Side. This neighborhood is 80 percent Latino and the 10th Ward already suffers under a disproportionate burden from industrial operations that cause air and soil pollution, traffic congestion and noise.

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Thank you,

Emily Hayes

From: audri coffer

Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 11:15 AM

To: envcomments

Subject: Block Southside Recycling's Permit

[Warning: External email]

Hello,

My name is Audri Coffer and I've previously been a resident of the Lincoln Park neighborhood for fiveyears. I've experienced the negative environmental impacts of General Iron's operations in our neighborhood, and I strongly urge the city to block Southside Recycling's permit to open a new facility in the 10th Ward.

While operating in Lincoln Park, General Iron racked up numerous violations and tens of thousands of dollars in fines. The planned Burley Avenue site is a half-mile from George Washington elementary and high schools in East Side. This neighborhood is 80 percent Latino and the 10th Ward already suffers under a disproportionate burden from industrial operations that cause air and soil pollution, traffic congestion and noise.

I implore the city to protect the health of the children and neighbors of the 10th Ward. They deserve the same protection as any Lincoln Park child or neighbor. Let us begin this new year with hope for environmental progress.

Thank you, Audri Coffer From: deneandenise

Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 11:27 AM

To: envcomments

Subject: General Iron on Southeast Side

[Warning: External email]

Hello,

I am a resident of the Southeast side. I am strongly against the move to my neighborhood. The emissions are hazardous, leaving me and my neighbors at risk. You are being pushed from the North side, now of course transferring this risk to my neighborhood.

Please reconsider.

Thank you.

Denean Pillar Calumet Heights Resident

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S9.

From: Mary Kate Tantillo

Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 11:56 AM

To: envcomments

Subject: Block Southside Recyling's permit to open a new facility

[Warning: External email]

Hello, My name is Mary Kate and I've been a resident of the Lincoln Park neighborhood for 3 years. I've experienced the negative environmental impacts of General Iron's operations in our neighborhood, and I strongly urge the city to block Southside Recycling's permit to open a new facility in the 10th Ward. While operating in Lincoln Park, General Iron racked up numerous violations and tens of thousands of dollars in fines. The planned Burley Avenue site is a half-mile from George Washington elementary and high schools in East Side. This neighborhood is 80 percent Latino and the 10th Ward already suffers under a disproportionate burden from industrial operations that cause air and soil pollution, traffic congestion and noise. I implore the city to protect the health of the children and neighbors of the 10th Ward. They deserve the same protection as any Lincoln Park child or neighbor. Let us begin this new year with hope for environmental progress. Thank you, Mary Kate

From: Laura Putman

Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 10:21 PM

To: envcomments

Subject: Block Southside Recycling's Permit

[Warning: External email]

Hello,

My name is Laura Putman and I am a resident of the Old Town neighborhood for five years. I've experienced the negative environmental impacts of General Iron's operations close to our neighborhood, and I strongly urge the city to block Southside Recycling's permit to open a new facility in the 10th Ward.

While operating in Lincoln Park, General Iron racked up numerous violations and tens of thousands of dollars in fines. The planned Burley Avenue site is a half-mile from George Washington elementary and high schools in East Side. This neighborhood is 80 percent Latino and the 10th Ward already suffers under a disproportionate burden from industrial operations that cause air and soil pollution, traffic congestion and noise.

I implore the city to protect the health of the children and neighbors of the 10th Ward. They deserve the same protection as any Lincoln Park child or neighbor. Let us begin this new year with hope for environmental progress.

Thank you, Laura Putman